(घ) उक्त कार्य-योजना को कब तक क्रियान्वित कर दिये जाने की संभावना है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश से अभी 1992–93 के खाद्यान्न उत्पादन के अन्तिम अनुमान देय नहीं हुए हैं। तथापि वर्तमान आकलन के अनुसार, इस राज्य में 1992-93 के दौरान कुल खाद्यान्नों की उत्पादन 36 मिलियन मीटरी टन होने की आशा है।

(ख) कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग को खाद्यान्नों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि किये जाने के बारे में उत्तर प्रदेश से कोई वृहद् कार्य योजना प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

काजू का उत्पादन

2131. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1992–93 के दौरान काजू और ऐसे ही अन्य पदार्थों का, क्षेत्रवार, कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ है; और

(ख) उत्पादन बढ़ाने हेतु काजू उत्पादकों को क्या-क्या प्रोत्साहन दिये जाने की संभावना है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) वर्ष 1992-93 के लिए काजू तथा ऐसी अन्य जिन्सों जैसे बदाम, अखरोट आदि के उत्पादन के अनुमान उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

(ख) केन्द्रीय क्षेत्रक कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत भारत में एकीकृत काजू विकास के लिए 1992–93 के दौरान काजू उत्पादकों को निम्नलिखित प्रोत्साहन दिए जा रहे हैं:—

(i) क्लोनल रोपण सामग्री युक्त ताजा रोपण के लिए 5420 रु० प्रति हैक्टेयर निवेश सहायता और चार वर्षों के लिए रखरखाव।

(ii) लागत पर 75% सबसिडी देकर क्लोनल रोपण सामग्री की आपूर्ति।

(iii) व्यापक कृमि नियंत्रण उपाय अपनाने के लिए पौध संरक्षण रसायनों पर 300 रु० प्रति हैक्टेयर की सबसिडी।

Decline in Cotton Prices

2132. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there has been a steep decline in cotton prices, affecting the very survival of cotton growers in Karnataka forcing them towards distress sale of their produce at far below minimum remunerative prices;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the market intervention operations by Cotton Corporation of India have been sluggish as is evident from quantities of CCI purchases (2,64,694 quintals); and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue immediate directives to Cotton Corporation of India to intervene and step up procurement for exports so that Karnataka Cotton growers are assured of a minimum support price for their produce to compare with the cost of high inputs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) During the cotton year 1992-93 the prices of cotton have shown a declining trend as compared to 1991-92 in all the cotton growing States including Karnataka due to comfortable stock position of cotton and prospects of a record production in 1992-93 season. However, according to the available information cotton prices in Karnataka, at present, are ruling above the Minimum Support Price.

(b) Till the end of February 1993, Cotton Corporation of India has purchased 31,307 bales of cotton from the markets of Karnataka out of its total purchases of 8,49,861 bales in the country.

(c) The Government have directed the Cotton Corporation of India to intensify cotton purchases in various States including Karnataka to help

cotton growers to get a reasonable price for their produce. The Government have also released an export quota of 14,995 lakh bales of cotton, of which 15,000 bales have been allotted to the Karnataka State Cooperative Marketing Federation. This has helped in stabilishing cotton prices.

Assistance for increase in Rice Production

2133. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to increase rice production by increasing productivity;

(b) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked for any special assistance to increase productivity in rice cultivated areas; and

(c) if so, the details of any specific assistance offered to Andhra Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The steps being taken to increase rice production by increasing productivity include:

(i) increase in area under location specific high yielding varieties;

(ii) increased/efficient use of inputs like fertilizers, irrigation, water micro-nutrients herbicides, etc.;

(iii) effective control of insect pests and diseases through adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Approach and need based use of pesticides;

(iv) transfer of improved rice production technology through reorganised T and V system and through organising field demonstrations and farmers' trainings;

(v) Marketing support and remunerative prices to farmers for their surplus paddy produce;

(vi) developing the on farm reources like irrigation facilities, farm machinery and implements, etc.;

(vii) providing credit to needy farmers for facilitating crop cultivation.

(b) and (c) A Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Programme for Rice Development" is being implemented in the State on 75:25 sharing basis, between GOI and State. Except for the assistance under this scheme, State has not asked for any other special assistance for increasing the productivity of rice.

National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India Limited

2134. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the business undertaken by National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India Limited in different agricultural commodities during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(b) the details of profit earned by National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India Limited from such business in the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) undertakes inter-State, intra-State import and export of agricultural produce of its members on outright, joint venture and agency/consignment basis. A Statement indicating commoditywise business undertaken during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is annexed. (See below)

(b) Details of profit earned in the above business during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Gross Profit
1	1990-91	25.66
2	1991-92	30
3	1992-93	21.84